WO-328   c. 1895
Mount Vernon Hotel
Ocean City
Private

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Ocean City. Built around 1895 the two-and-a-half story framed building is

distinguished by a wood shingled mansard roof. This building along the

hotel annex next door form interesting companion structures since the

annex is covered with a mansard roof as well. Both buildings were

erected for Lemuel Showell, one of the early promotors of the Atlantic

coast resort. The Mount Vernon Hotel is designated on the 1897 Sanborn

Insurance map of Ocean City under the name, "Isle of Wight."

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1. Name   (indicate preferred name)

historic   MOUNT VERNON HOTEL   ALSO   "ISLE OF WIGHT HOTEL"

and/or common

2. Location

street & number   Talbot Street   ___ not for publication

city, town   Ocean City   ___ vicinity of   **congressional district**   First

state   Maryland   **county**   Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	_X_ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_X_ building(s)	_X_ private	___ unoccupied	_X_ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	_X_ being considered	_X_ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property   (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name   Katheryn Bunting

street & number   Dorchester Street   **telephone no.:**

city, town   Ocean City   **state and zip code**   MD   21842

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.   Worcester County Clerk of Court   **liber**

street & number   Worcester County Courthouse   **folio**

city, town   Snow Hill   **state**   MD   21863

6. Representation in Existing   Historical Surveys

title

date   ___ federal   ___ state   ___ county   ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town   **state**

7. Description

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mount Vernon Hotel, also known in past times as the the Isle of Wight Hotel, stands on the north side of Talbot Street between Baltimore Avenue and the Boardwalk in Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame hotel building, now a restaurant, faces south.

Built around 1895, the two-and-a-half story asbestos shingled frame structure rests on a minimal masonry foundation, and the structure is topped by a wood-shingled mansard roof. Attached to the back of the front block is a two-and-a-half story rear ell that is also covered by a mansard roof.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by frosted glass sidelights and transom. Sheltering the first floor is a chamfered post porch with simple corner brackets. The second floor is lighted by three two-over-two sash windows. Piercing the mansard roof are three gable roofed dormers with two-over-two sash windows.

The east and west ends of the front block are similar with paired two-over-two sash windows on each floor and a single two-over-two sash dormer marking the mansard roof.

The rear two-and-a-half story wing is detailed in a similar fashion with two-over-two sash windows and gabled dormers lighting the third floor. A two-story shed roofed porch supported on chamfered posts shelters the east side, and it survives with a sawn baluster handrail.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Period
____ prehistoric
____ 1400–1499
____ 1500–1599
____ 1600–1699
_x_ 1800–1899
____ 1900–

Areas of Significance—Check and justify below
____ archeology-prehistoric
____ archeology-historic
____ agriculture
_X_ architecture
____ art
_X_ commerce
____ communications

____ community planning
____ conservation
____ economics
____ education
____ engineering
____ exploration/settlement
____ industry
____ invention

____ landscape architecture
____ law
____ literature
____ military
____ music
____ philosophy
____ politics/government

____ religion
____ science
____ sculpture
____ social/
humanitarian
____ theater
____ transportation
____ other (specify)

Specific dates   **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B _X_C __D
         and/or

         Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

         Level of Significance: __national __state _X_local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____   **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References**   do NOT complete UTM references

A |__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| B |__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|__|
    Zone   Easting   Northing   Zone   Easting   Northing

C |__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| D |__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|__|

E |__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| F |__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|__|

G |__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| H |__|__| |__|__|__|__|__| |__|__|__|__|__|

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: _Mount Vernon Hotel_

MHT Inventory Number: _No-328_

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):
    Architecture
    Commerce

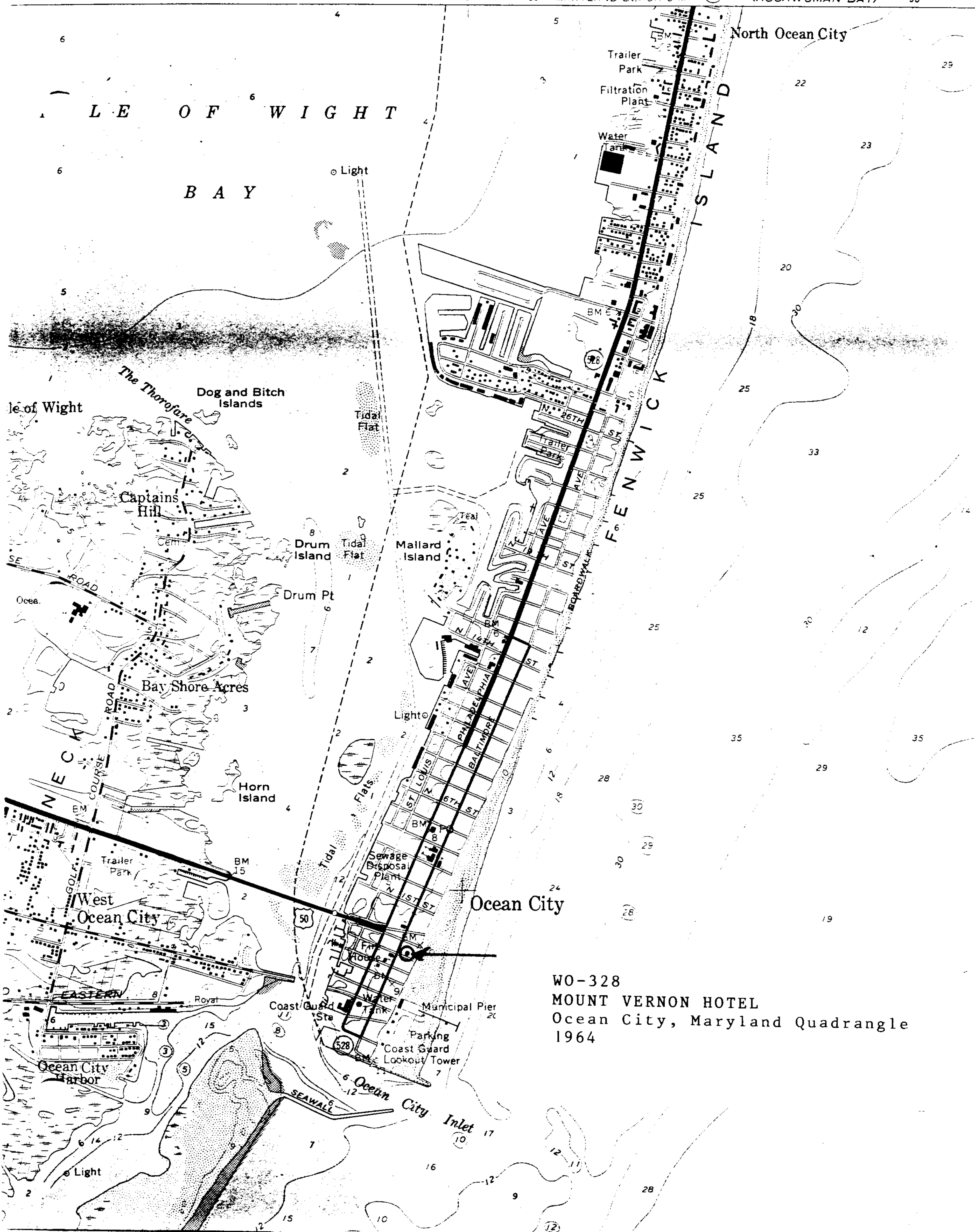2) Geographic Orientation:
    Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
    Industrial/Urban Dominance
    (1870-1930)

4) Resource Type(s):
    Standing Structure
    1. Guest House and Restaurant

North Ocean City

Trailer Park

Filtration Plant

Water Tank

ISLE OF WIGHT

BAY

Light

FENWICK ISLAND

Isle of Wight

The Thorofare

Dog and Bitch Islands

Tidal Flat

BM

N. 26TH ST

Trailer Park

Captains Hill

Cem

Drum Island

Tidal Flat

Mallard Island

Teal

BOARDWALK

AVE

Drum Pt

Bay Shore Acres

Horn Island

Tidal Flats

Light

N 14TH ST

PHILADELPHIA

BALTIMORE

ST LOUIS

ST

16TH ST

BM

NECK

GOLF COURSE

ROAD

ROAD

Ocea.

Trailer Park

BM 15

Sewage Disposal Plant

N 1ST ST

Ocean City

West Ocean City

EASTERN

Royal

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Fire House

Water Tank

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MOUNT VERNON HOTEL
Ocean City, Maryland Quadrangle
1964

Coast Guard Sta

Municipal Pier

Ocean City Harbor

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Parking
Coast Guard Lookout Tower

SEAWALL

Ocean City Inlet

Light